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IN TROUBLE.

Consul Yang Wei Pin seems to have reached a power of trouble. He pitted himself against his countrymen in this Territory and his opponents seem to have succeeded in finally having his conduct investigated. Yang Wei Pin was a typical Chinese official of the class which makes all the money it can out of the people under it. China is full of Yang Wei Pins. They seem to flourish under the Chinese system of government. Theoretically their conduct is irreproachable, practically it is most reprehensible.

The decree, a copy of which reached this Territory by the Coptic, stripped of its grandiloquent language and its curious verbiage makes two main charges against the consul. First that he has been engaged in smuggling opium, and secondly that he has been engaged in a system of buying and selling slave girls. Both of these are very serious charges in the eyes of the higher Chinese officials, or of the Chinese government, if we can call that a government which has so few of the attributes of government as understood by Western ideas. There are other general charges, such as offensive partiality, no proper protection of subjects and so forth.

Of the two main charges one was bruited about this city before the consul started upon his "vacation." The charge of smuggling opium had been brought to the notice of Secretary Hay, had been referred to Collector Stackable, information had been collected and the whole matter referred back to Secretary Hay who laid it before the Chinese Minister in Washington, Wu Ting Fang. He is in charge of all Chinese representatives in the Western Hemisphere.

AMERICANS.

There have been a great many new citizens made by Judge Estee who will vote at this election, and a considerable number have been made on the other islands. The bulk of these will vote the Republican ticket. In nothing have the Republican workers done better work than in hunting up those who had not been made citizens, but who had a perfect right to become such. Some men had neglected their voting rights and would have continued to do so had they not had their duty set before them by the party workers.

The Portuguese have taken an interest in the election and quite a number have qualified themselves as voters. This is the great step in amalgamation with the American nation. A man may live for years on American soil, but unless he becomes a citizen and a voter, he remains an outsider to the end of his life. Once he becomes a citizen he is thoroughly absorbed into the nation.

Men who earn their bread on American soil must become Americans or drop behind in the race. When once a man is launched upon the American ways of business and of life, if he is to have influence upon his fellowmen, he must become an American. He can not remain an Englishman, a Frenchman, a Portuguese or a German. He may keep certain characteristics of his nationality, but he must become naturalized, and be an American. His son

If citizens wish things to go right, they must make sacrifices and put their own shoulders to the wheel.

There promises to be some work for the grand jury when it is next called together. There are some interesting investigations to be made.

The movement to get ladders for the high buildings is a good one. There are a number of such buildings in Honolulu now and the equipment of the Fire Department is not adequate for coping with a fire, should it break out in them.

The opportunity to register will soon be gone, and then various citizens who have neglected their opportunity will be kicking themselves because they cannot vote. They should take the fable of Hercules and the Waggoner to heart, the moral of which is that heaven helps those that help themselves.

It takes Judge Gear exactly an hour and a half to make up his mind, or possibly it takes him that time to wake up. Any how he sat on the Supreme bench for that length of time before he realized the fact that according to his former attitude it was unconstitutional. It cannot be particularly satisfactory to the members of the bar to develop an elaborate argument, only to find out that it has to be all gone again, because a man is sitting on the bench who doesn't know his own mind.

The fisheries question which is now before the Supreme Court is a very important one to the Territory. The matter involves an examination and valuation of old Hawaiian rights and

In addition to the opium charge has come the slave dealing charge, about which nothing was publicly said when the opium charge was under investigation. That there are slave girls among the Chinese is a fact well known. Professor Frank Damon frequently drew attention to the fact, when he was working among the oriental population here, and others have made the same charge. The difficulty of getting proof has always stood in the way of legal action. There is also a regular slave system in San Francisco. In spite of every effort made by the authorities at the Customs of both ports, young female slaves are passed through the cordon.

It is evident that Consul Yang has been charged with being either engaged in, or accessory to this nefarious traffic. Evidence which could not be obtained by the United States authorities, has been obtained when the action is to take place in China, under Chinese Imperial officials. Though opium smoking and the enslaving of young girls are common among certain classes of Chinese, they are thoroughly antagonistic to the Chinese theories and are punishable, when brought before the proper authorities. Consul Yang has therefore a rather unpleasant half hour before him, when the Imperial authorities get after him. He has given his countrymen here a great deal of trouble, and succeeded in getting their parents and relations into jail, but they are having their innings now. If the consul is not made to feel in body, he will be made to feel in purse at least. The Chinese consular party in Hawaii has not played its cards well.

will lose a large number of his national characteristics, but his grandson will be completely American to the very finger tips.

It is this power of assimilation which makes America the great country that it is. No country upon earth has such assimilative power. The nationalities of the world have gone into the crucible, and they have been melted and transformed into true bred Americans. One has only to keep one's eyes open and consider the names of ones acquaintance to see how this amalgamation goes on. There are German names, French names, Italian names, Spanish names, and yet, when we come to converse with them, we find no trace of the ancestry either in speech or in thought. It is all America. Schoonmaker, Le Blond, Marinetti and Garcia are no representatives of Germany, France, Italy or Spain. They are polished American gentlemen, who have passed from our common schools to our high schools and later to our universities. They lead in our American methods of business, they are members of our judiciary and bars, they command our troops and our ships. We find them in every walk of life.

The process of amalgamation has begun here, it will go rapidly on. We shall not talk of our many nationalities, we shall be pure Americans. The only people who will not amalgamate are the Asiatics. Between them and us is "a great gulf fixed."

customs. When the judges have reached a decision they will know more than any one else, except some specialists among the lawyers about old manners and customs before the present system of law was instituted. A full report of the arguments and findings should be stored away in the library of the Historical Society.

Death exacts its penalty from old and young. With the old death is expected, but it always is inexpressibly sad when death calls upon the young a budding life. On Saturday an accident carried to an ocean grave the seventeen-year-old son of Charles Lucas. Yesterday Mrs. Douglas McBryde, a young wife, just entering upon the holy joys of maternity, passed away into the great unknown. Those who are left solve their empty hearts with pious reflections, but the soul is never filled. Life goes on, but the wound inflicted leaves its scar till in turn the grave closes over those who sorrow.

Wilcox is no longer so sure about his election as he was when he first came from Washington. He finds a very unwelcome crop of opponents among his own ranks and many of his leaders are dropping away from him. Even the Democratic move has not proved the success that was hoped for. The Democrats are hopelessly divided, and the National Democratic Committee has informed of all the facts in the case. If Wilcox were to be elected, which is very unlikely, he will find no assistance from the Democratic party in Congress. He will get nothing from the Republicans, and he will be left as empty handed as ever. But the voters are too wise to elect Wilcox any more.

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We hardly think Editor Henry Watterson could be elected to Congress from the district of Newport.—New York Commercial.

Colonel Watterson is a good all-round newspaper man, but he could never suit Newport as a society reporter.—Washington Star.

Colonel Watterson will probably point another moral at the manner in which Banker Fish met his death.—Peoria Herald-Transcript.

If the 400 want relief from Colonel Watterson's attacks, they should urge G. Cleveland to come out into the open.—Detroit Tribune.

Is it Colonel Watterson's intention to make the New York "Four Hundred" an issue in default of anything better?—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

A great many people never would have thought of the Four Hundred if it had not been for Henry Watterson.—Baltimore American.

Newport didn't succumb to the attacks of the fleet, and it is now trying to survive Henry Watterson's 13-inch adjectives.—Hartford Post.

What a boozie displacement the smart set must have when a man like Uncle Hank Watterson has to read them a temperance lecture.—Atlanta Journal.

Harry Lehr will see to it, we know, that Henry Watterson doesn't get invited to eat at the first table with that New York monkey.—Atlanta Constitution.

In deference to the protests of the Connecticut clergy, Dr. Watterson might open the Corbett-McGovern mill with prayer.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

There is no doubt Colonel Henry Watterson could do handsomely with a lecture entitled "What I Know About the Four Hundred."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Others may excel in various vocal performances, but who can yell "Scat!" with such piercing and fearsome ululation as Henry Watterson?—Duluth News-Tribune.

The tragic death of Banker Fish was a most inopportune thing for those persons who were engaged in defying Colonel Watterson's allegations.—Washington Post.

The Newport smart set says "sour grapes" to Henry Watterson. But the Colonel seems hardly the man to want to butt into a monkey dinner or a poeple party.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The report that Grand Duke Boris was at Newport looking for an American heiress as a wife is fresh powder for the Gatling gun of Uncle Henry Watterson.—Atlanta Constitution.

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